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PROMOTION OF SILVICULTURE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps are being taken by the Government to promote silviculture in the country;

(b) if so, the States where steps have been taken in this regard; (

(c) the amount earmarked for the same in the Eleventh Plan; and

(d) the details of the work carried out under silviculture promotion programme during the Tenth Plan Period?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b):- Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE) through its eight regional research Institutes and four Centers in the country are undertaking research projects on silviculture aspects of various forestry species.

(c):- An amount or Rs. 75.45 crore has been earmarked in the XI Five Year Plan proposal of ICFRE for conducting research in the field of Biodiversity Assessment Conservation and Development, Planting Stock Improvement, Sustainable Forest Management, Forest Products Development, Development of Agro-forestry/Social Forestry Modals/, Participatory Forest Management/ Joint Forest Management, Establishment of Certification Mechanism for Sustainable Forest Produce and Establishment of an Advance Research Centre for Bamboo and Rattan for promotion of Silviculture in the country.

(d):- Initiation of All India regionally coordinated projects to address the Problems of Silviculture Enhancing productivity through intensive Silvicultural practices under JFM/PFM programs. National programs on improvement of genetic material especially NWFPs. Rehabilitation of degraded areas keeping regional requirement in view Benchmarking biodiversity and preservation of gene pool of important species/forest types through preservation plots in 15 States of the country. Development of technology for artificial regeneration of important trees. Development of volume tables, site index equations and growth/yields functions for important tree species. Laying of field trials for important forestry species for Reclamation of highly eroded sites. Growth comparison of most common tree species planted in 132 plantation sites under alluvial, coastal and lateritic soils for the soil vegetation interaction with special reference to nutrient cycling. Networking of regional Research Institutes with State Forest Department and other stake holders.